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May 22, 2009

The Honorable Ray Maybus
Department of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
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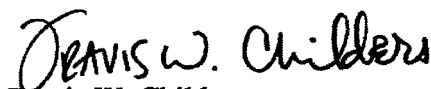
Dear Secretary Maybus,

Congratulations on your appointment to be the Secretary of the Navy. We are very proud of you and know you will do a wonderful job. It's also great to see a fellow Mississippian in such an important position.

Jay Eads asked me to contact you in support of his request to join your team. I've known Jay since he was a member of the State House of Representatives, then when he was the Assistant Secretary of State for Elections. He is a quick study, conscientious, and loyal. As a legislator he was always willing to listen and do his best to help any Mississippian.

Jay would be a welcome addition to your organization. As you can see from his resume he brings a wealth of experience that would be put to good use for you in a leadership position. But more importantly he is a man of integrity who will work for the best interest of our nation in these challenging times. Please give Jay full and fair consideration when making your staffing decisions.

Sincerely,



Travis W. Childers
Member of Congress

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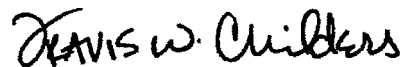
Dear Secretary Maybus,

Congratulations on your recent confirmation. I was a proud Mississippian and friend at the hearing. I am writing to express my support for Taylor Ferrell to join you as a staffer in your new office.

Taylor is one of Mississippi's bright young lawyers and he would be an asset to any team. From his days at Mississippi State and as a law student at Ole Miss Taylor has proven himself to be a hardworker. As a lawyer in Washington and Jackson he has gained relevant experience in government procurement law, international law, and environmental law and has taken on lead counsel responsibilities. From 2007 on, Taylor worked with the Obama campaign in many capacities including voter protection and field work.

Taylor Ferrell is committed to serving our nation and I urge you to give him full and fair consideration when making your staffing decisions. His history of service to Mississippi and our nation is to be admired.

Sincerely,



Travis W. Childers
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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1000 NAVY PENTAGON
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1000

ACTION MEMO


FOR: SECRETARY OF THE NAVY

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FROM:  Assistant for Administration 

SUBJECT: Response Letter to Representative Childers

- Mr. Secretary, Tab A forwards response letters for your signature to Representative Childers, thanking him for his 'congratulations and informing him of our action on Mr. Eads' and Mr. Ferrell's employment request.
- Tab B forwards Representative Travis Childers letters of congratulations on your appointment and confirmation. Additionally, he makes personal recommendations for Mr. Jay Eads and Mr. Taylor Ferrell, who have expressed interest in employment with the Department. This is the second endorsement for Mr. Eads. The first endorsement was from Representative Sestak. This is Mr. Ferrell's first endorsement.
- Traditionally, requests for employment that originate in this manner are handled through the White House Office of Presidential Personnel. Mr. Eads' resume was forwarded upon initial receipt from Representative Sestak. In accordance with your response letter to Representative Sestak, the Under Secretary will be interviewing Mr. Eads. Mr. Ferrell has already been interviewed by the Under Secretary.

RECOMMENDATION: Sign TAB A. 

COORDINATION: None.

ATTACHMENTS:

As stated

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20350-1000

June 16, 2009

The Honorable Travis W. Childers
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2401

Travis
Dear Representative Childers:

Thank you for your letters of May 22, 2009, expressing congratulations on my confirmation. I am honored to serve as the 75th Secretary of the Navy. I know with your long and distinguished career with the government, you understand the privilege I have been given to lead the talented and dedicated men and women of our Navy and Marine Corps.

I am grateful that men like Mr. Ferrell are inspired to serve our Nation in the Department of the Navy. To ensure he receives appropriate consideration for positions in the Department, his résumé, with your letter of endorsement, have been forwarded to the White House Office of Presidential Personnel, as is the case for all such appointments. I can assure you that Mr. Ferrell will be given full and fair consideration when I make my staffing decisions.

I am also grateful that men like Mr. Eads are inspired to continue serving our Nation in the Department of the Navy. To ensure he receives appropriate consideration for positions in the Department, his résumé, with your letter of endorsement, has also been forwarded to the White House Office of Presidential Personnel. I have also been informed that Mr. Robert Work, the Under Secretary of the Navy, is scheduled to interview Mr. Eads soon.

Thank you for forwarding Mr. Ferrell's and Mr. Eads' résumés. I look forward to working with you in building a strong Navy and Marine Corps team.

Sincerely,

Ray
Ray Mabus

My Under Secretary has already interviewed Taylor and will do so with Jay Eads. They are both outstanding and we'll see if there is a good place for them. I hope you'll come visit.

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2401

12/09/2009

Secretary Mabus,

As you well know, patriotism and military support run high among the citizens of the state of Mississippi. As a result, the Junior Reserve Officers Training Corps (JROTC) programs are very popular in our high schools and enjoy a high level of support in our communities. Furthermore, a number of Mississippi high schools have applications pending for establishment of JROTC units.

Due to the wide-scale success, support, and involvement of JROTC, the state of Mississippi has established a JROTC Statewide Coordinator position within the Mississippi Department of Education staff to oversee JROTC programs and serve as a liaison with military JROTC managers. B6 [REDACTED], the JROTC Statewide Coordinator, is a great leader in this mission to spread the availability of such programs for these future leaders of our state, nation, and military.

We need to make the JROTC opportunity available to more of our Mississippi students. The lessons learned in JROTC are priceless. It teaches in the areas of ethics, citizenship, communications, leadership, and life skills which are all critical to our young Mississippi men and women as they prepare to take their place in society after high school graduation. Whether these students go on to serve in our military, attend college, or join the work force, each of them is better prepared for life and their part in society because of the lessons learned and skills acquired in JROTC.

During the current expansion of the JROTC program nationally, as authorized by the U.S. Congress, it is requested that favorable consideration be given to establishing additional Navy and Marine JROTC units in the state of Mississippi.

In particular, Pontotoc High School in Pontotoc, MS is a wonderful, successful school with great leadership in B6 [REDACTED] Superintendent, and B6 [REDACTED] Pontotoc High School Principal. They have submitted an application for a Navy JROTC program, which I fully support.

Thank you Secretary Mabus for your leadership, consideration, and support,



Travis W. Childers
Member of Congress



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OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
1000 NAVY PENTAGON
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JAN 29 2010

The Honorable Travis W. Childers
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2401

Dear Representative Childers:

Thank you for your letter of 9 December, 2009, concerning the Navy and Marine Corps Junior Reserve Officer Training Corps (JROTC) program expansion for the State of Mississippi. I am responding on behalf of the Secretary of the Navy.

The Navy and Marine Corps JROTC program offices receive numerous applications for establishment of JROTC units from institutions nationwide and all applications receive fair and equitable consideration. The Navy JROTC program office received an application from Pontotoc High School, Pontotoc, Mississippi on 23 September, 2009. At that time, the Navy had already made selections for new units for school year 2009-2010. Although the Navy JROTC program is not currently scheduled to open additional units, as funding becomes available the Navy will assess Pontotoc High School's application, together with all other applicant schools, for inclusion on the list of approved school. The application will remain on file in the event of future expansion.

We thank the State of Mississippi for its support of the JROTC program and appreciate the desire to expand the number of units in the state. Again, I appreciate you taking the time to share your thoughts on this issue. Please let me know if I can be of further assistance. My point of contact regarding this matter is Major **B6** who can be contacted at (703) 693-0239 or electronically at **B6**.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. M. Garcia", is written over a printed name and title.

Juan M. Garcia
Assistant Secretary of the Navy
(Manpower and Reserve Affairs)



THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY
WASHINGTON DC 20350-1000

October 5, 2009

The Honorable Travis W. Childers
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-2401

Dear ~~Congressman~~ ^{Travis} Childers:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting a new Navy ship be named in honor of Medal of Honor recipient, Jack Lucas.

Jacklyn Harold Lucas distinguished himself through his extraordinary military service by saving the lives of three of his fellow Marines. His many awards speak of his exemplary service in defense of our Nation. Jack Lucas' strength of courage and sacrifice leaves an example for all servicemen and women to emulate. As I am sure you can understand there are many suggested names and fewer ships in the current building program. Be assured your request will receive the utmost consideration when names are chosen for new ships.

If I can be of further assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,


Ray Mabus

This is a great story. I tell it all the time. Thank you, too, for being at the shipbuilding caucus.



Congress of the United States
Washington, DC 20515

September 18, 2009

The Honorable Ray Mabus
Secretary of the Navy
1000 Navy Pentagon
Washington, D.C. 20350-1000

Dear Secretary Mabus:

In recognition of his selfless dedication to our nation, we respectfully request an appropriate Navy ship be named in memory and adoration for Medal of Honor recipient and long-time Mississippi resident Jack Lucas. Thank you for your consideration of this important matter.

In 1942 at the age of 14, Jack Lucas signed his mother's name on consent papers and enlisted in the Marine Corps. Determined to see combat, Mr. Lucas stowed away on a troopship headed for Iwo Jima. Only five days after his seventeenth birthday, his four-man fire team made their way onto Red Beach One, Iwo Jima. While ambushed by enemy patrol, two hand grenades landed in front of his team. Without hesitation, Private First Class Lucas threw his body on one grenade and pulled the other underneath him, absorbing the explosion and scattering shrapnel into his body. While Jack was severely wounded, he saved the lives of three fellow Marines. For that action, President Harry Truman awarded PFC Lucas the Congressional Medal of Honor in October 1945. He was the youngest Marine in history and the youngest recipient since the Civil War to receive the highest military honor bestowed by his country.

Jack Lucas died of leukemia on June 5, 2008, at the age of 80. Even during his final days, Jack continued to epitomize the patriotism and fighting spirit of our great nation. In order to fully recognize the strength and selfless dedication of this hero, we request the Navy name an appropriate ship in his honor.

Thank you for your service to this country and for giving our request your full consideration. We stand ready to work with you in achieving this goal.

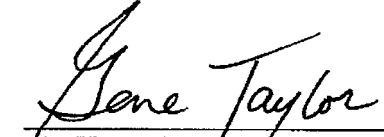
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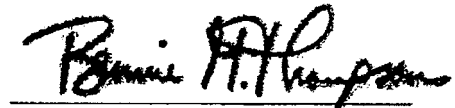
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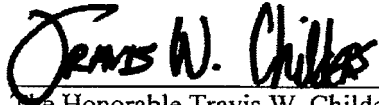
The Honorable Thad Cochran


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The Honorable Roger Wicker


The Honorable Gene Taylor


The Honorable Bennie G. Thompson


The Honorable Travis W. Childers


The Honorable Gregg Harper